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Comments: One of the big attractions for me in moving to the Grand Valley (over 15 years ago) was all of the beautiful undeveloped lands nearby. I likewise have heard from many friends and acquaintances in the Grand Valley how their love of solitude in beautiful nature, the hiking opportunities, the diverse wildlife are a big part of why they love living here. However, the proposed Forest Service plan does not adequately protect these lands. With the added stresses of climate change impacting these lands, we must be proactive in giving these lands the most wilderness protection possible. I would like to ask that the no new motorized roads requirement be adhered to in the Forest Service final plan for Kelso Mesa and that the Forest Service include the Primitive Recreation Management prescription for Kelso from Alternative D. Kelso is the only large, relatively unspoiled parcel of land left on the Uncompander plateau and has no congressionally-designated protection. It needs the highest level of protection possible.